

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 20 2020

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on July 20, 2020 at the Eagle Theater..

Mayor Alvey called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 P.M.

City Clerk, Sharon Dunham, was directed to call roll, and the following members of the Council were present: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Alvey called to order the Public Hearing at 7:01 P.M. to offer an opportunity for public comment on a Community Development Block Grant - Downtown Small Business Stabilization Program to provide a Grant for Working Capital to Elliott's Corner Junction. City Administrator, Robert Karls, discussed the program including funding, program requirements and other pertinent facts.

He then presented a prioritized list of community development and housing needs.

See attached exhibit.

Elliott's Corner Junction has been in business since 2004. They employ 2 full time employees and are applying for the \$25,000.00 Grant.

Bob Karls submitted two letters received from The Pontiac Chamber of Commerce and Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council giving their support.

Mayor Alvey asked for any input from the public. Sherri Elliott thanked the City and City staff for helping them through the process of applying for the grant.

Mayor Alvey then closed this portion of Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Alvey stated that there were seven items on the consent agenda. He asked if there was a need to have any item removed for later discussion. Hearing none, motion made by Eckhoff, second by Hicks, that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Hicks to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020 City Council Meeting. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

B. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Hicks to approve the payment of bills totaling \$330,678.74 from all funds. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

C. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Hicks to approve the payment of City Council salaries the second payroll of each month. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

D. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Hicks, to approve the referral to the Planning Commission the variance requests and PUD filed by Evenglow Lodge. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

E. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Hicks to approve the referral to the Planning Commission the variance request - 817 W. Prairie St. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

F. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Hicks to approve the referral to the Planning Commission the variance request - 605 S. Lawrence Way. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

G. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Hicks to approve the Street closings requested by Relay for Life, starting at 5:00 P.M. on August 7, 2020. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolution 2020-R-009 Elliott's Corner Junction..

Mayor Alvey asked for a vote on Resolution 2020-R-009, authorizing the submission of the City's application for Community Development Block Grant - Downstate Stabilization Program Fund for Working Capitol Elliott's Corner Junction in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Motion made by Kallas, second by Causer to approve Resolution 2020-R-009, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille

B. Ordinance 2020-O-1 Special Use Permit - Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Grower Facility - 1002 W. North St.

Mayor Alvey asked for any discussion on the proposed variance requested by All the Exotics, LLC, an Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Grower Facility. Maggie Clark, attorney representing the owners, answered questions on behalf of her clients. They are requesting a variance to the 1500 foot set back as required in the City Ordinance. Alderman Gabor asked that instead of approving the variance, the City Ordinance should be discussed further and possibly amended.

Motion by Causer, second by Hicks to approve Ordinance 2020-O-014, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 6-4. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer. Nay votes recorded: Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille

C. Ordinance 2020-O-105 - 415 W. Moulton St.

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Causer to approve Ordinance 2020-O-015, approving 40% rear lot coverage, to construct a garage at 415 W. Moulton St. as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-2. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Myers, and Wille. Nay votes recorded: Bradshaw and Gabor.

D. Ordinance 2020-O-016 - 102 W. Clark St.

Motion by Myers, second by Kallas to approve Ordinance 2020-O-016 , approving the construction of a front deck/porch which will have a front yard set back of (5) feet, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille

E. Sewer Department Purchase

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Kallas to approve the purchase a water trailer by the Waste Water Treatment Plant from Linco Precision Ag Solutions at a cost of \$7,650.00. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille

F. Parking Lot Use Request - First Lutheran Church

Motion by Causer, second by Bradshaw to approve the use of the City's Parking lot at the corner of Mill and Water Streets and the Block 59 Parking lot for over flow parking by the First Lutheran Church who is holding a fundraiser on Saturday, September 26, 2020. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille

G. Riverside Park Use

Liz Vincent presented to Council a plan to possibly hold some concerts in Riverside Park. Outlines of circles could be spray painted on the lawn, allowing for the distancing required by COVID-19 restrictions. Consensus of the Council was to have staff move forward with further investigation to possible provide concerts this summer.

H. Fire Department - Paid On Call Proposal

Motion by Gabor, second by Swanson to approve the pilot program to seek individuals for Paid on Call (part-time) firefighters. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille

I. Painting -Fire Department

Motion by Bradshaw, second by Hicks to approve the bids from Jeff Telford for painting at the Fire Department of \$9,100.00 for wall project and \$15,200.00 for ceiling project . Foreign Fire Tax will reimburse the City for costs of the projects. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille

J. Contract Renewal - Hearing Officer

Motion by Gabor, second by Hicks to approve the renewal of the contract of Larry Necheles as hearing officer for towing appeals, as the same rate as the previous year. On a roll call vote, motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey will be doing a "State of the City" in the near future and thanked staff for the work done during the recent weather conditions.

Administrator Comments

Bob Karls set the Infrastructure Committee meeting for July 27, 2020 at 4:45 P.M. at City Hall.

Council Comments

Alderman Myers remarked he has heard no negative comments regarding the outdoor dining in the downtown area.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

On motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting of the City Council was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk